

Maryland Historical Trust Determination of Eligibility Form

Property Name: Clark Circle Cottage No. 1 - Springfield **Inventory Number:** CARR-1225
Address: 3rd Street Clark Circle complex **Historic District:** Yes ☒ No
City: Sykesville **Zip Code:** **County:** Carroll
USGS Quadrangle(s): Finksburg
Property Owner: **Tax Account ID Number:**
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): **Tax Map Number:**
Project: Change in Use - Clark Circle complex **Agency:** DHMH
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Jonathan Sager **Date Prepared:** 11/28/2007

Documentation Is Presented In:

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility Recommended ☐ Eligibility Not Recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D **Considerations:** ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property:
Inventory Number: **Eligible:** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Listed:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
Site Visit by MHT Staff: ☐ Yes ☐ No **Name:** **Date:**

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)

The Clark Circle complex at Springfield State Hospital Center consists of 7 buildings that are individually recorded in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties: Building 1 (MIHP number CARR-1225), Building 2 (CARR-1226), Building 3 (CARR-1228), Building 4 (CARR-1229), Building 5 (CARR-1230), Dining Hall & Kitchen (CARR-1227), and Service Building (CARR-1224). The complex is located within the 583-acre Springfield Hospital Center survey district (CARR-1197) in Sykesville, Carroll County. The Hospital Center as a whole has not been evaluated to determine if it is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; however, a number of buildings near Clark Circle form a Historic District (CARR-1643) that is listed in the National Register. When surveyed in 1986, the seven buildings of the Clark Circle complex were all described as in fair condition and recommended by Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for their association with significant historical trends and as examples of Georgian Revival design.

Springfield Hospital was founded in the 1890s as Maryland's second state-owned facility for the mentally ill. The hospital consists of three primary groups of buildings for housing and treating patients. These are the Martin Gross complex for men, which consists of buildings built from 1898 to 1932, the Warfield complex for women, which consists of buildings built from 1900 to 1929, and the Clark Circle complex. The Clark Circle complex contains buildings built from 1924 to 1937 for epileptic patients. It is named for Dr. J. Clement Clark, a longtime superintendent of Springfield Hospital Center. The history of Springfield Hospital Center is summarized in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for CARR-1197 and in the

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MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

12/5/07

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Date

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National Register Nomination form for CARR-1643.

The original 1924 portions of the Clark Circle complex consisted of a men's residence (Cottage 1), a women's residence (Cottage 2), the Dining Hall & Kitchen, and the Service Building. This cluster was the first work at Springfield Hospital by the architect Henry Powell Hopkins. Hopkins also designed the other buildings in the Clark Circle Complex - Cottages 3 and 4, which were added in 1928, and Cottage 5, which was built 1935-7 with funds from the Public Works Administration. All of the buildings are designed in a similar Colonial Revival style characterized by an often sparing, sometimes nearly Modern, use of historical features. All of the buildings except for Cottage 5 were built by the Northeastern Construction Company. Cottage 5 was built by the Davis Construction Company.

Like the older Martin Gross and Warfield complexes at Springfield Hospital Center, the Clark Circle complex is modeled on the "cottage plan" of hospital design. From the 1840s to the 1880s, most hospitals were built based on the "linear plan," a single large building with wings for housing and treating patients (Yanni, Carla. *The Architecture of Madness; Insane Asylums in the United States*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2007. pgs. 14,79). The contrasting, "cottage" or "colony" plan became popular around the turn of the century and consisted of clusters of smaller buildings. The cottage plan resulted from reformers who hoped to make institutions more humane and increasing hospital populations, because it allowed for the quick and incremental growth of facilities. The plan is generally associated with a group of medical professionals who believed that most mental illness was incurable and required long-term institutionalization (Yanni, 84).

While the colony plan had its roots in the late nineteenth century, the 1924 Clark Circle complex was up-to-date in its application of the form for housing and treating epileptic patients. The 1920 edition of the American Medical Association Handbook of Therapy noted that, "The necessity of epileptic colonies and public institutions for the study and care of epileptics is now being recognized, and they have been inaugurated by a number of states." (Osborne, Oliver T. and Morris Fishbein. *Handbook of Therapy*, Sixth Edition. Chicago: American Medical Association, 1920. pg. 438.). According to one source, Ohio had become the first state to establish a colony plan facility for epileptics in 1893 and that just 14 states had such facilities in 1919 (Warner, Amos Griswold and George Elliott Howard. *American Charities*. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company Publishers, 1919. pg. 339). In 1915, the only Maryland facility exclusively for epileptics was the small private Silver Cross Home in Port Deposit (State of New York Report of the State Commission to Investigation Provision for the Mentally Deficient. Albany: J.B. Lyon Company, 1915. pgs. 443-4). So, the founding of the state facility for epileptic patients at Springfield Hospital was a significant event in the history of public health in Maryland.

The 1920 AMA Handbook stressed the importance of controlling indoor and outdoor environment and patient diet in the treatment of epilepsy (Osborne, 438). For these reasons, a professionally staffed and purpose-built facility was seen as important in treating the condition. Another text of the time justified the establishment of institutional housing for epileptics as beneficial for a variety of medical and social reasons. It argued that because seizures made it difficult for epileptics to maintain jobs, they suffered disproportionately from poverty, social exclusion, and addiction (Jelliffe, Smith Ely and William A White. *Diseases of the Nervous System; A Text-Book of Neurology and Psychiatry*. Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger, 1917. pgs. 804-5). The text went on the reason, "In the colony all these social handicaps are removed. Here he may have a fit in peace and comfort without feeling that he is disgraced or in imminent danger of losing his means of livelihood... he is provide a home, congenial

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surrounds, a regulated diet, and is under that careful and continuous skilled supervision for a prolonged time which is so essential to the best results. Under colony care Spratling thinks 5 per cent of cases as they go can be cured and that this percentage could be doubled or perhaps trebled if all the cases could be gotten under treatment early" (Jelliffe, 805).

All seven buildings in the Clark Circle complex were designed by Henry Powell Hopkins. Hopkins was born in Annapolis, Maryland on February 12, 1891. According to the MIHP forms for CARR-1224 and CARR-1229, the Clark Circle Complex was Hopkins's first commission at Springfield Hospital. He went on to design a total of 16 new buildings at Springfield. Hopkins received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Columbia University in 1914 and a M.A. from St. Johns College in 1918. He joined the American Institute of Architects in 1921 (Tatman, Sandra L. "Hopkins, Henry Powell (1891 - ?)" Philadelphia Architects and Buildings database: <http://www.philadelphiabuildings.org>. accessed Nov. 27, 2007). During the 1920s, Hopkins worked from an office at 347 N. Charles Street in Baltimore. From the early 1940s through the early 1970s, he worked from an office at 10 East Mulberry Street in Baltimore (PAB Database; CARR-1643). During some or all of this time he practiced with partners under the firm name Hopkins, Pfeiffer & Associates. By the 1950s Hopkins was recognized by his professional peers as having made significant contributions to architecture. He was made a fellow of the AIA in 1951 (PAB Database).

After receiving the commission to design the Clark Circle complex early in his career, Hopkins went on to design many buildings for the Maryland State government. He was responsible for buildings at the state's hospital centers at Spring Grove and Crownsville; the 1976 State Legislative Services Building in the capitol complex in Annapolis; and a number of buildings at the University of Maryland College Park, including the chapel and library ("Maryland U's New Arts and Science Building." The Washington Post, Times Herald. Sep. 21, 1963: A9.; Watson, Douglas. "Factions Fight Over Building; Will the Old Marble Hall Come Tumbling Down?" The Washington Post, Times Herald. Apr. 13, 1972: F1, F5.; CARR-1224; CARR-1229). Most or all of these buildings were designed in a simple Colonial Revival style similar to that used at Clark Circle.

The Clark Circle complex is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. As the first state facility built for the treatment of epileptic patients, the complex is representative of the significant expansion and specialization of Maryland public health care during the early twentieth century. Additional study of the property's history may determine whether or not the complex is associated with any individuals whose significant contributions to history can be identified and documented. None are known at this time.

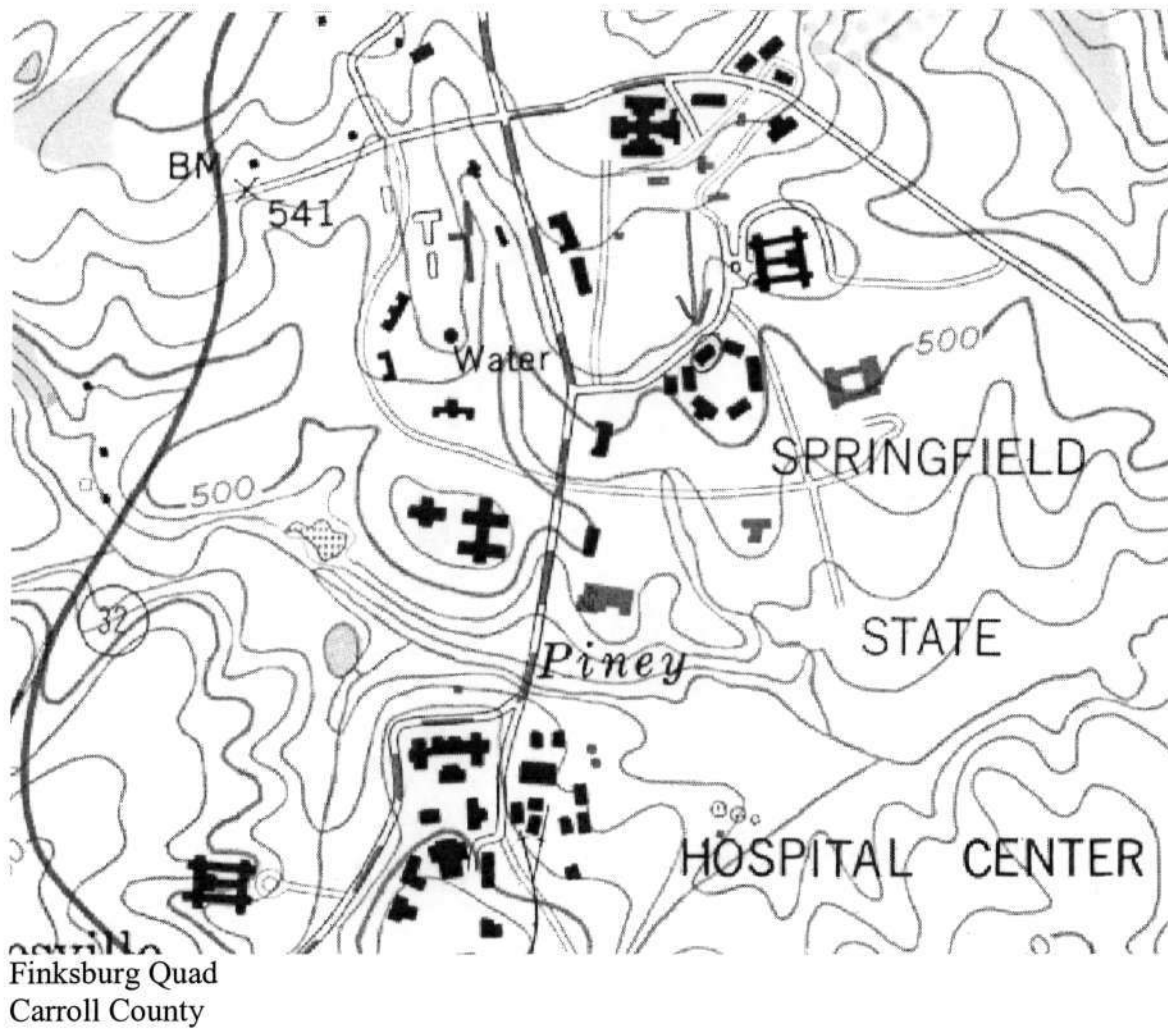
The Clark Circle complex is also eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C. The "colony plan" form and consistent Colonial Revival style make the complex a unified entity typical of Maryland's early twentieth century mental health facilities. The grouping is also representative of the early work of significant Maryland architect Henry Powell Hopkins, whose career was characterized by large state institutional commissions and his use of a simple Colonial Revival style.

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Clark Circle Complex – Springfield Hospital
7 Buildings: CARR-1224 to CARR-1230



CARR-1225

1924

Clark Circle Cottage #1

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

Clark Circle Cottage #1 lies northeast of the Service Building. The T shaped building is constructed of flemish bond brick and rises two stories tall. Slate tiles cover the hipped roof.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Clark Circle Cottage #1

and/or common

2. Location Springfield Hospital Center

street & number ☐ not for publication

city, town Sykesville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category <input type="checkbox"/> district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> object	Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public <input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> both Public Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> being considered <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	Status <input type="checkbox"/> occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress Accessible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> no	Present Use <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> museum <input type="checkbox"/> park <input type="checkbox"/> private residence <input type="checkbox"/> religious <input type="checkbox"/> scientific <input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Hospital
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.: 301-225-6816

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex, Rm G-8 liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1225

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Clark Circle Cottage #1 is located northeast of the Dining Hall and Kitchen. Rising two stories high, Cottage #1 is a flemish bond brick building that displays elements of the Georgian Revival style of architecture. Cottage #1 and Cottage #2 were constructed at the same time and share very similar features. A hipped roof covers the building. Measuring nine bays long and three bays deep, Cottage #1 exhibits a projection on the north wall which is two bays deep and three bays wide. This projection gives the building a T shaped layout.

The first floor windows appear above a brick patch where, at one time, a stone panel existed. Brick jack arch lintels, wood sills and 9/6 double-hung sash characterize the windows. A brick string course runs horizontally across the facade. The second floor windows change to a 6/3 sash. Cement quoins line the corners of the building. A wooden cornice completes the facade.

The south facade shows a one story portico supported by two fluted Doric columns and two pilasters. The portico displays a flat roof, dentil cornice, and a decorative frieze. The portico shadows the main entrance. The door is embellished by sidelights and an elliptical fanlight. The door has a decorative surround which encloses the sidelights door and fanlight with a string of rosettes in an elliptical arch capped by a wooden keystone.

The east and west walls repeat the established pattern from the goins to the fenestration. In addition, these walls have fire escapes from the second floor.

The north wall exhibits the two bay by three bay block projection. Several rounded arch dormers with Gothic sashes appear on the hipped roof. Flanking the projection of the building, there are two, one story additions which measure four bays long and three bays deep. The windows repeat the 9/6 double-hung sash. The additions show plain cornices and flat roofs.

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1225

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1924 **Builder/Architect** Henry Powell Hopkins, Northeastern

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Construction Company
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Built to house epileptic males, Clark Circle Cottage #1 was one of two dormitories constructed in the original buildings in the Clark Circle. While the original Springfield Hospital design called for an epileptic colony, the construction of the Martin Gross and the Warfield groups took precedence. Fulfillment of the plan to build an epileptic colony did not occur until the erection of Clark Circle in 1924. The design of the colony perpetuates the original intent of the hospital arrangement which developed exclusively along the philosophy of the colony plan of hospital design. Clark Circle Cottage #1 is significant as a contributing component of the intact design.

Maryland architect Henry Powell Hopkins received his first Springfield commission when he designed Clark Circle. Cottage #2 exhibits classical features but the arrangement of construction features: brick, cement, and wood is not as prevalent in the later designs of the architect. These buildings show a little more individualism in their features as opposed to Hopkin's later designs which relied heavily on strict interpretations of the Georgian Revival style.

The epileptic colony was named after Dr. J. Clement Clark who faithfully presided over the hospital as superintendent for over twenty-five years. The doctor actively pursued the construction of the Clark Circle group.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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South



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